

D wherein the processor includes instructions for receiving some of the works corresponding to the entries on the play list from the displaced source via the communications link after determining the work is unavailable from local sources.

41 40 70. (Amended) [A system as in claim 47] A system for building a plurality of play lists having entries selected from an inventory which can be obtained at least in part, from different sources, the system comprising:

a data base for storing a plurality of user created pre-stored play lists;

a play list editing system having a graphical display and a plurality of instructions which enables a user to simultaneously display portions of an inventory of the stored items and portions of a selected play list including editing instructions enabling a user to select a displayed inventory item and to insert it into the displayed portion of the list thereby creating a modified list and additional instructions for storing the modified list in the data base and for subsequently displaying a plurality of pre-stored lists, each of which can be selected for execution;

which includes a communications link for downloading at least some members of a selected play list to be presented; and

wherein the system includes further instructions for downloading at least some members of a selected play list to be presented via the communications link after determining the work is unavailable from local sources.--

42 41 71. (Amended) [A system as in claim 50] A system for creating and editing play lists comprising:

a graphical display;

a data base for storage of a media inventory including at least audio items;

a processor, coupled to the display and the data base with a plurality of instructions executable by the processor wherein some of the instructions present on one part of the display at least a part of a media inventory listing of at least the stored audio items, from which a user can select a plurality of items to be presented and wherein others of the instructions enable the user to select a named, prestored play list and display at least part of the selected list simultaneously on another part of the same display including additional instructions enabling the user to select at least one entry from the media inventory listing and

insert the selected entry into the selected play list thereby creating a modified play list, including instructions enabling the user to save the modified play list and to designate a different, named, play list to be displayed on the same display and edited by the user;

a communications link for acquisition from a displaced source of at least some of the media items on a play list selected for execution; and

wherein the processor includes instructions for acquiring from a displaced source [of] at least some of the media items on a play list selected for execution after determining the media items are unavailable from local sources.--

46 45 75. (Amended) [A system as in the claim 38] A system comprising:

a user station which includes a programmable processor and an associated control program for storing at least one previously created play list, and for retrieving and modifying existing entries of the stored list whereby an updated list to be executed can be created;

a communications link, coupled to the processor, at least intermittently, for receipt of at least some of the works specified by the updated list from a displaced source wherein the control program, in response to the entries on the updated list, downloads, from the source, via the link, and then presents at least some of the items on the list to a local user and wherein the control program maintains billing information for transmission to the source for billing the user; and

wherein for at least some of the works specified by the updated list the processor includes additional instructions for downloading the corresponding item from the displaced source via the communications link each time the corresponding item is presented to the user.

☐ Please add the following new claims:

51 50 --80. A system comprising:

a programmable processor and associated control program for storing at least one previously created play list and for retrieving and modifying existing entries of the stored list whereby an updated play list can be created; and

a communications link coupled to the processor, at least intermittently, for receipt of at least some of the works specified by the updated list from a displaced source wherein the control program, in response to the entries on the updated list, downloads from

the source, via the link, and then presents the items on the list to a local user wherein items are downloaded from the displaced source, via the link, each time the corresponding item is presented to the user.--

52 ⁵¹ ~~81~~. A system as in claim ~~80~~ ^{50 51} wherein at least some of the downloaded works comprise video works.--

53 ⁸² ~~82~~. A system as in claim ~~80~~ ^{50 51} which comprises executable billing related instructions for providing billing information.--

54 ⁸³ ~~83~~. A system comprising:
a user station which includes a programmable processor and an associated control program for storing at least one previously created play list, and for retrieving and modifying existing entries of the stored list whereby an updated list to be executed can be created;

a communication link, coupled to the processor, at least intermittently, for receipt of at least some of the works specified by the updated list from a displaced source wherein the control program, in response to the entries on the updated list, downloads, from the source, via the link, and then presents at least some of the items on the list to a local user; and

wherein for at least some of the works specified by the updated list the processor includes instructions for downloading the corresponding item from the displaced source via the communications link each time the corresponding item is presented to the user.--

55 ⁵⁴ ~~84~~. A system comprising:
a programmable processor and associated control program for storing at least one previously created play list and for retrieving and modifying existing entries of the stored list hereby an updated play list can be created; and

a communications link coupled to the processor, at least intermittently, for receipt of at least some of the works specified by the updated list from a displaced source wherein the control program, in response to the entries on the updated list, downloads from the source, via the link, and then presents the items on the list to a local user wherein items are downloaded from the displaced source, via the link, when the corresponding item is unavailable locally.--

56 ⁵⁵ --85. A system as in claim ^{54 55} 84 wherein at least some of the downloaded works are selected from a class which includes at least audio works, video works and other selected sensory works.--

57 ⁵⁶ --86. A system comprising:
a programmed processor and an associated control program for enabling a user to create a play list identifying works to be presented to the user; and

a communications link coupled to the processor, at least intermittently, for receipt of at least some of the works specified by the list from a displaced source wherein the control program, in response to the entries on the list, downloads from the source, via the link, and then presents at least some of the items on the list to a local user wherein items are downloaded from the displaced source, via the link, each time the corresponding item is presented to the user.--

58 ⁵⁷ --87. A system as in claim ^{56 57} 86 wherein the control program includes instructions for storing at least one previously created play list and for retrieving and modifying existing entries in the stored list whereby an updated list can be created.--

59 ⁵⁸ --88. A system as in claim ^{57 58} 86 wherein the control program includes instructions for adding new entries in the stored list whereby a revised list can be created.--

60 ⁵⁹ --89. A system as in claim ^{58 59} 86 wherein billing information is maintained relative to at least some of the works presented to a user.--

61 ⁶⁰ --90. A system as in claim ^{59 60} 89 wherein the control program maintains at least some of the billing information.--

62 ⁶¹ --91. A system as in claim ^{60 61} 90 wherein billing information is transferred to another location.--

63 ⁶² --92. A system as in claim ^{61 62} 86 wherein at least some of the downloaded works comprise video.--

64 ⁶³ --93. A system comprising:
a user station which includes a programmable processor and associated control program for storing at least one play list; and a communications link coupled to the processor, at least intermittently, for receipt of at least some of the works specified by the list from a displaced source wherein the control program, in response to the entries on the list, downloads from the source, via the link, and then presents at least some of the items on the

list to a local user wherein items are downloaded from the displaced source, via the link, after determining that the work is unavailable at the user station.--

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~~65~~--94. A system as in claim ^{63 64}93 wherein the control program maintains billing information relative to at least some presented items.--

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~~66~~--95. A system as in claim ^{63 64}93 wherein the works received from the displaced source, via the communications link, are maintained at the user station for present and subsequent use.--

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~~67~~--96. A system as in claim ^{63 64}93 wherein billing information is accumulated at a location displaced from where the works have been presented to a user.--

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~~68~~--97. A system comprising:
a user station which includes a first programmable processor and associated control program; and

a communications link coupled to the processor, at least intermittently, for receipt from a displaced source of at least some of the works specified by a user created play list wherein the control program, in response to the entries on the list, downloads from the source, via the link, and then presents the items on the list to a local user wherein items are downloaded from the displaced source, via the link, each time the corresponding item is presented to the user.--

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~~69~~--98. A system as in claim ^{64 68}97 wherein the control program includes instructions for storing at least one previously created play list and for retrieving and modifying existing entries in the stored list whereby an updated list can be created.--

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~~70~~--99. A system as in claim ^{64 68}97 wherein at least some of the downloaded works comprise viewable video.--

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~~71~~--100. A system as in claim ^{64 68}97 wherein the control program maintains billing information relative to at least some of the works presented to a user for billing the user.

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~~72~~--101. A system as in claim ^{64 68}97 wherein a portion of the billing related instructions is located at a displaced processor.--

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~~73~~--102. A system as in claim ^{64 68}97 wherein the displaced processor communicates with the programmable processor, at least part time, via the communications link.--

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~~74~~--103. A system for building a plurality of play lists having entries

selected from an inventory which can be obtained at least in part, from different sources, the system comprising:

a data base for storing a plurality of user created pre-stored play lists;

a play list editing system having a graphical display and a plurality of instructions which enables a user to simultaneously display portions of an inventory of the stored items and portions of a selected play list including editing instructions enabling a user to select a displayed inventory item and to insert it into the displayed portion of the list thereby creating a modified list and additional instructions for storing the modified list in the data base and for subsequently displaying a plurality of pre-stored lists, each of which can be selected for execution; and

a communication link for downloading members to be presented which are not available in the local inventory.--

75 ~~74~~¹³⁴ 104. A system as in claim 103 wherein works received via the link are maintained locally for present and subsequent use.--

76 ~~75~~¹³⁵ 105. A system as in claim 103 wherein the control program maintains billing information.--

77 ~~76~~¹³⁶ 106. A system for executing play lists comprising:

a graphical display;

a processor, coupled to the display with a plurality of instructions executable by the processor wherein some of the instructions present on one part of the display at least a part of a play list and other instructions download, from a displaced source, items on a play list being executed; and

which includes instructions for determining if the respective items are unavailable locally before downloading them.--

78 ~~77~~¹³⁷ 107. A system for executing play lists comprising:

a graphical display;

a processor, coupled to the display with a plurality of instructions executable by the processor wherein some of the instructions present on one part of the display at least a part of a play list and other instructions download, from a displaced source, items on a play list being executed; and

which includes instructions wherein items on a list being executed are downloaded each time the respective item is presented to a user.--

79 ~~78~~ 108. A system as in claim ~~106~~ ^{77 77} wherein the control program maintains billing information relative to at least some of the works presented to a user.--

80 ~~79~~ 109. A system as in claim ~~107~~ ^{77 78} wherein the control program maintains billing information relative to at least some of the works presented to a user.--

81 ~~80~~ 110. A system comprising:
a user station which controls the local presentation of works to a user in accordance with a presentation list;

a communication medium which, at least intermittently, couples the user station to at least one displaced source for the works wherein works on the list can be downloaded from the source and presented at the user station and including executable instructions for accumulating billing information for the downloaded works.--

82 ~~81~~ 111. A system as in claim ~~110~~ ^{80 81} which includes instructions for determining if the respective works are unavailable locally before downloading them.--

83 ~~82~~ 112. A system as in claim ~~110~~ ^{80 81} which includes instructions wherein works on the list are downloaded each time the respective work is presented to a user.--

84 ~~83~~ 113. A system comprising:
a programmed processor and an associated control program for enabling a user to create a play list identifying works to be presented to the user; and
a communications link coupled to the processor, at least intermittently, wherein the control program downloads at least some of the works specified by the list from a displaced source via the link, and then presents at least some of the works on the list to a local user, and, instructions for effecting royalty payments to appropriate recipients.--

85 ~~84~~ 114. A system as in claim ~~113~~ ^{83 84} wherein the control program includes instructions for storing at least one previously created play list and for retrieving and modifying existing entries in the stored list whereby an updated list can be created.--

86 ~~85~~ 115. A system as in claim ~~113~~ ^{83 84} wherein billing information is maintained relative to at least some of the works presented to a user.--

87 ~~86~~ 116. A system as in claim ~~113~~ ^{83 84} wherein the works are downloaded each time for presentation to the user.--

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--117. A system comprising:

a workstation which includes a programmed processor and executable instructions for presenting a plurality of works to a user;

a communications link coupled to the workstation, at least intermittently, for downloading each work from a remote source each time the work is presented to a user; and executable instructions for keeping track of works presented to the user.--

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--118. A system as in claim 117 wherein the remote source includes

instructions for establishing popularity information indicative of plays of works during predetermined time intervals.--

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--119. A system as in claim 117 wherein the workstation includes instructions for establishing a pre-presentation credit.--

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--120. A system as in claim 117 wherein the workstation includes executable instructions enabling a user to create at least one play list.--

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--121. A system comprising:

a workstation which includes a programmed processor and executable instructions for presenting a plurality of works for a user;

a communications link coupled to the workstation, at least intermittently, for downloading each work from a remote source each time the work is presented to a user; and

wherein some of the works presented include advertisements and including executable instructions for accumulating billing information based on presented advertisements.--

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--122. A system as in claim 121 which includes executable instructions enabling a user to create at least one play list.--

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--123. A system as in claim 121 wherein the works are selected from a class which includes audio works, video works with and without audio, and, predetermined sensory works.--

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--124. A system as in claim 121 wherein accumulating instructions are executed, at least in part, at a remote processor.--

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--125. A product producing system comprising:

a workstation which includes a media recording apparatus wherein a removable medium can be inserted therein and works recorded thereon for subsequent playback on a different player;

a communications link coupled to the apparatus, at least intermittently, whereby, in response to a prior credit authorization, at least one work can be downloaded from a remote source and recorded on a removable medium.--

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--126. A system as in claim 125 wherein the workstation includes a processor and executable instructions for, at least in part, requesting a credit authorization from a remote authorizer.--

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--127. A system as in claim 125 wherein the works are downloaded each time from the remote source before being recorded.--

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--128. A system as in claim 125 wherein the workstation includes a display for displaying a user created list of works to be written to a removable medium.--

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--129. A system as in claim 128 wherein the workstation includes a list editor whereby the user can create and modify one or more lists of works.--

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--130. A system as in claim 125 which includes an output device whereby a user can preview, at least in part, a work in connection with recording same on a removable medium.--

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--131. A system for creating and editing play lists comprising:

a graphical display;

a data base for storage of at least a part of a media inventory;

a processor, coupled to the display and the data base with a plurality of instructions executable by the processor wherein some of the instructions present on one part of the display at least a part of a media inventory listing from which a user can select a plurality of items to be presented and wherein others of the instructions enable the user to select a named, prestored play list and display at least part of the selected list simultaneously on another part of the same display including additional instructions enabling the user to select at least one entry from the media inventory listing and insert the selected entry into the selected play list thereby creating a modified play list, including instructions enabling the user

to save the modified play list and to designate a different, named, play list to be displayed on the same display and edited by the user.--

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--132. A system as in claim 131 which includes a communications link for coupling the processor to a displaced media inventory and instructions for downloading items on a list for presentation to a user. --

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--133. A system as in claim 132 wherein the works are downloaded each time for presentation to the user.--

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--134. A system as in claim 132 wherein the items are downloaded if not available locally.--

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--135. A system comprising:
a workstation for presenting works to a user and which includes instructions to analyze characteristics of the works.--

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--136. A system as in claim 135 wherein the analysis instructions determine beats per minute of works.--

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--137. A system as in claim 135 which includes instructions to sort some of the works.--

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--138. A system as in claim 135 which includes instructions for presenting a play list to a user and for enabling the user to start the list at a selected entry point.--

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--139. A system as in claim 131 which includes instructions for creating reports of at least one of play list content and inventory content.--

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--140. A method of executing play lists based on a media inventory comprising:

providing an inventory of at least audibly presentable media items;

presenting visually at least a part of a pre-established play list based on some of the media items simultaneously while presenting visually, at least in part, a list of media items from the inventory;

editing the play list by selecting at least one media item from the inventory list and inserting it into the play list at a selected location within the list thereby forming a revised play list; and

executing a selected play list and accumulating royalty payment information.--

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